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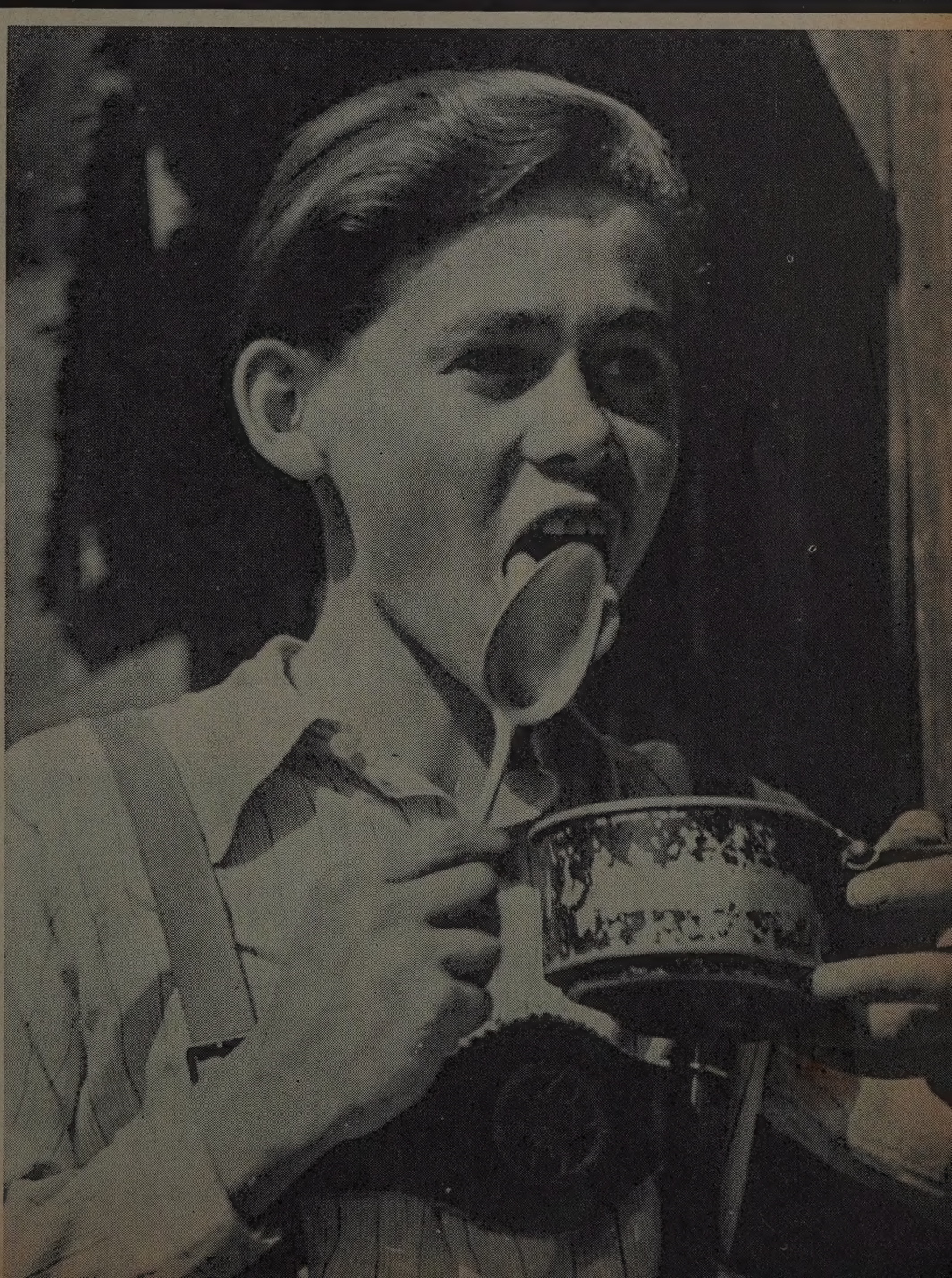

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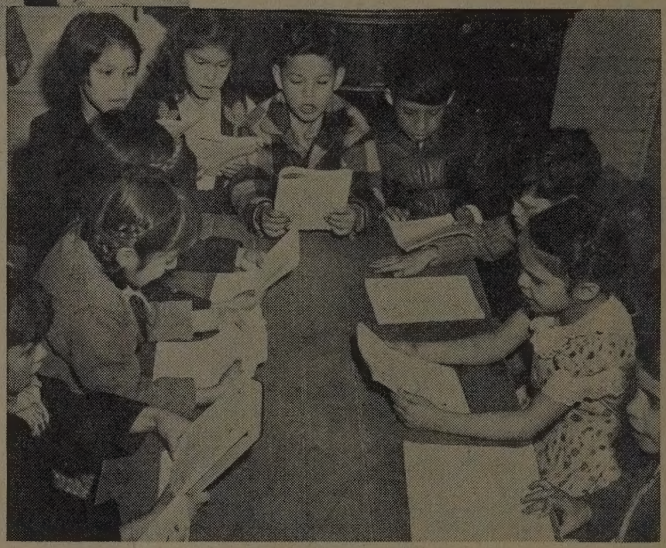
Lutheran Cooperation



Front cover: A German youth enjoys food sent to his country through the generosity of Americans. Through Lutheran World Action and Lutheran World Relief we have helped to strengthen churches in many lands.

Above: Through the Department of Welfare of the NLC, Lutherans of America were called upon to help thousands of refugees and displaced persons find a new home in a new land. Three Estonian DP children smile with anticipation of what life in their new American homes will be like.

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Writing Church History

Raymond M. Olson

as not been often in the history of the Church that ple have been conscious of their share in the making hat history. They have been men and women, con- ting the evil around them and in their hearts, who e found in Christ Jesus their supreme hope and joy. quality of their faith and the character of their life e combined to make the Church what it was in their eration. Church history tells us about them and the in which they lived and the influence these men women have had on us and our time.

hese years into which we have been thrust are un- al years if we compare them with the past history of Church. Modern communications have moved the istian world around us that we might see it, know nd share its experiences. The circumstances involved ringing Christ to this age are changing just as the itself is changing so dramatically and ceaselessly.

no point in practical church life has this changing racter of the life of the Church been so evident as he area of Lutheran Cooperation. This new aware- s of the total Lutheran Church and the total need ur world to hear the Christian message has driven ogether. It happened in our own country, and then appened in the Lutheran community of the world. names of National Lutheran Council, Lutheran lfare Societies, Lutheran Student Associations, Lu- an World Federation have become very familiar s. They are the result of these historic changes ch have so recently come and which are still in cess.

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change is seen in the Church's ministry to and for its youth. We have been accustomed to think about parish education, with its attention to Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, and confirmation classes. We have carried our seminaries, colleges, and academies on our hearts and sustained them in some measure with our gifts. We have been doing it for years. Lutheran Cooperation has reminded us of other youth to come under the care of the Church. A large company of them is found at state universities and colleges, with some at other non-Lutheran institutions. We have a Division of College and University Work (formerly Lutheran Student Service) in the National Lutheran Council, to carry out this ministry and to carry on to some degree a mission to students who ought to know the Christian hope. We provide funds for current operation to many Student Foundations, and we provide funds for the erection of Centers which can become the physical and spiritual hub for Lutheran students and their friends.

But not all youth is privileged to be in the classroom. Thousands of them wear the military uniform, and the future seems to promise that the sons of the Church will continue to serve their tour of duty for Uncle Sam. The Church in its cooperative program has insisted on maintaining lines of ministry to these young men and women. This is Lutheran Cooperation, too, as identified in the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel. Once this was a war-time operation. Now it has become a part of the life of the Church, just as military service is a part of the life of the nation.

When it comes to the youth of the Church, we have been writing Church history.

Foreign Missions

The changes of these years are seen in foreign missions, too. We have our own ELC mission fields, and we have great concern for them. We ought to have even more concern for the multitudes to be reached in Christ's name.

The larger associations with fellow Lutherans have brought foreign mission responsibilities which go beyond our own fields, however. At first we cared for the "orphaned missions" which the European societies could no longer support during the war and immediately

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after. Then the sense of national destiny rose in many lands, and we began to speak of the "younger churches." Now we have entered into the time, which promises to carry on for a long while, where the approach to these "orphaned missions" and "younger churches" is being made through the Department of World Missions of the Lutheran World Federation. It is still Lutheran Cooperation, but on a world scale.

We are doing foreign mission work with other Lutherans! We have grown somewhat familiar with lands like New Guinea, Tanganyika, and the Holy Land. When it comes to foreign missions we have been writing Church history with our dollars, our decisions, and our prayers for the blessings of God.

Home Missions

The home mission program of the ELC is one in which we have all rejoiced, as we have seen congregation after congregation established. We have followed its ministry to special groups as being the proper concern of the Church.

The change in character of home mission work has been found in Lutheran Cooperation too. The Division of American Missions brought the Lutheran Churches together for strategic planning in claiming America for Christ. The old days of totally private planning were replaced. In many places in the United States temporary communities sprang up; some of them were war communities and some came after the war. These were home mission fields, but they were to be served cooperatively.

Cooperative home missions did not stop at serving these special communities. It also was clearly a cooperative concern that Christ be brought to the people of the nation who were closely attached to their own cultures and represented special heritages in the American scene. Therefore we now have a Department of Intercultural Outreach as a part of the home mission program carried on jointly through the National Lutheran Council.

Charities

We have a Department of Charities, with its faithful attention to an institutional ministry. We have sought to care for children who have been caught in the storms of life, and for the aging who must seek calmer harbors. We have provided chaplains to move through hospital rooms in Christ's name. We ought to do more.

The experience of the total Lutheran responsibility in America, however, produced a Division of Welfare of the National Lutheran Council. In this time of the "welfare state" and the government's provision for the care and security of people, it was mandatory that the Lutheran Church find a common voice in welfare. When the Lutherans of America were called upo help thousands of refugees and displaced persons a new home in a new land, this division was the cha for getting it done. Now, with many adjustments a and a new understanding of our responsibility t Lutheran immigrants, this division is to give directic all work with new Americans.

So, when it comes to charitable work and wel we have again broken past the boundaries of our ELC work to walk and work and pray with c Lutherans. Then there are the many Lutheran We Societies. While it is true that they receive small sidies from our Department of Charities they are, the major part, dependent upon direct contribut They are also generous participants in the whole v of the ministry of mercy.

Strengthening the Churches

The traditional work of the Church has included ef to assist congregations in the development of their life and work. The efforts of the Division of Evange have been directed to this end. A considerable par the program of the Department of Stewardship been geared toward this effort. The planning of auxiliaries, the WMF, the LDR, the Luther Lea and the Brotherhood, has been aimed at this. There other areas of the work of the Church which also s to strengthen the congregations.

It is not strange to discover that in the larger text of the Lutheran Church we have been bro to a major concern for strengthening the churches, ticularly in other lands. At the end of the war it self-evident that this must be done for the great theran Churches of Europe. Through the agency Lutheran World Action and Lutheran World Re we have gone at this assistance, this re-establishin vigorous church life. Out of these postwar progr has developed a recognition that the Lutheran Chur will continue to be strengthened by continual in change in all areas of church life. The Lutheran W Federation is prepared to carry this out. The Divi of Lutheran World Federation Affairs of the Nati Lutheran Council is the U. S. arm for this prog

Thus . . .

In this period of remarkably few years we have living in the middle of a changing church scene. have watched church history in the making and shared in making it. Our money, given for Luth Cooperation through the regular Budget of the E is being devoted to these important and varied t of the Lutheran Churches. We have come into a period of Church life which exists in inter-relation with the patterns of the past.

he Division of LWF Affairs

Stewart W. Herman
Executive Secretary
Division of LWF Affairs, NLC

e National Lutheran Council in the United States and remains—exactly what its name implies: an ncy of Lutheran churches operating on a national s. Its oldest and largest divisions—Welfare, Ameri- Missions, Student Service, etc.—are dedicated to nestic tasks in which U. S. Lutherans have a com- n interest.

ut today we all realize that no nation—and no rch—is an island unto itself. From its earliest years Council has inevitably been drawn into "foreign irs," usually in response to post-war crises involving ow-Lutherans of other lands.

he First World War made it abundantly clear that ld Lutherans should endeavor to unite. The upshot this movement was the establishment of the Lu- an World Convention in 1923. The Second World r made it plain that something more than a quin- nnial assembly was required. Thus the Lutheran rld Federation was formed in 1947, with a secretar- at Geneva, which tackled on a full-time basis the ent problems of material relief and inter-church aid. he National Lutheran Council, of course, had al- ly anticipated the need for international cooperation. 945, Dr. S. C. Michelfelder had been sent to Europe nitiate a Lutheran program of relief and reconstruc- . Two years later he became the first executive sec- ry of the newly formed world organization. Grad- y the first tentative threads of Christian service on lobal basis—refugee resettlement, exchange of theological ideas, mission strategy—were woven into unbreakable cables of coordinated planning.

American support was channeled through the National Lutheran Council to the Lutheran World Federation. Its great and effective slogan was Lutheran World Action. Under this banner eight U. S. Churches have raised 40 million dollars to repair the ravages of war and help strengthen the whole Christian Church for its peacetime task. Various offices had been created within the NLC to deal with specific situations on an *ad hoc* basis. The earliest and in many ways the most important of these was CYCOM. Under the leadership of Dr. Fredrik Schiotz, European Lutheranism's foreign mission effort was shored up and saved from almost certain catastrophe in the war years.

Another special office was the "European Desk" to which Dr. John Scherzer was called to coordinate all questions of U. S. Lutheran help to the stricken churches of the old continent from which our emigrant fathers came. Other "odd jobs," too numerous to mention, were either distributed among the various NLC divisions (e.g., the D. P. resettlement program) or added to the already heavy responsibilities of the NLC executive director, Dr. Paul Empie.

A decade has passed since the end of World War II. Nothing seems clearer than that the international obligations of a global Lutheran fellowship will continue indefinitely. The Lutheran World Federation is here to stay! It has a gigantic job to do if its fifty-six Churches

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having 50 million members are to become an indivisible instrument of Christian testimony and service to the King of Kings.

Such is the background of the new NLC Division of LWF Affairs. It is really nothing new, but rather a reorganization of what already exists. There are four departments in the new division. From their titles may be discerned not only their present function but also their historic origin, as well as their relation to the four most important field operations of the LWF headquarters: 1) the *Department of World Missions Cooperation* (replacing CYCOM), until recently administered by Dr. George F. Hall; 2) the *Department of Lutheran World Service,* under the direction of Mr. Bernard Confer, who remains head of Lutheran World Relief; 3) the *Department of Theological Cooperation* to which Pastor Charles Carroll has been transferred; and the *Department of Lutheran Cooperation in Latin America* (formerly an NLC Division) which shares a joint secretary with the LWF Committee on Latin America, Dr. Stewart W. Herman, who will also direct the Division.

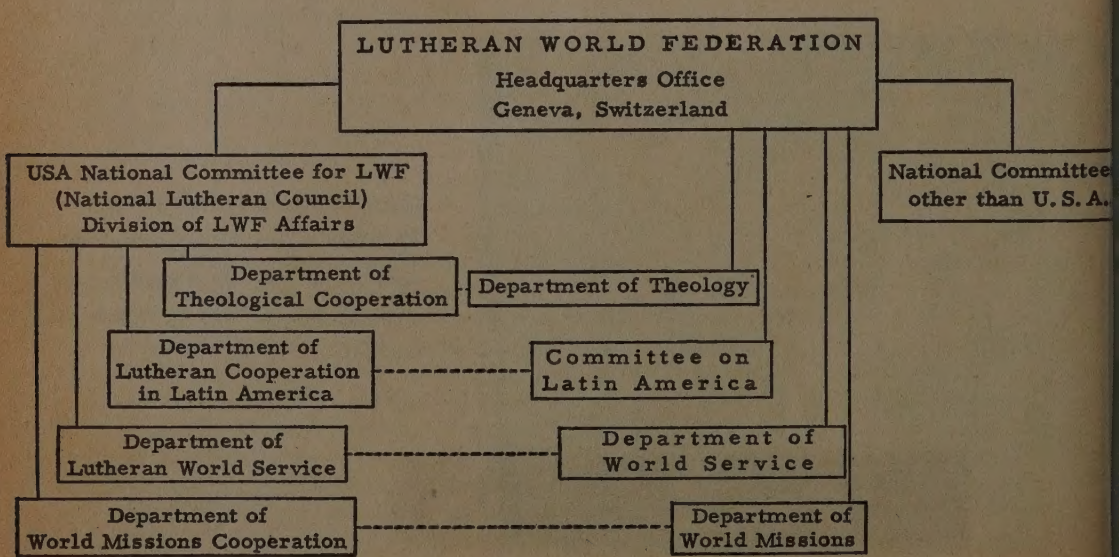
The chief duty of all Departments is to be a point of contact between LWF and the NLC bodies, to promote the approved policies and programs of LWF, and to handle funds earmarked for LWF purposes. For the time being, the Department of World Missions Cooperation will continue to administer the Northern Tanganyika fields, but even after they have been transferred to LWF (as is now proposed) it will be the responsibility of this Department to oversee the allocation of about one million dollars in LWA funds to Lutheran World Missions. Furthermore, it is hoped that t department can be of greater service to the Luther Foreign Missions Conference in the United States.

The responsibility of the Department of Luther World Service will rest primarily in careful scrutiny the annual "Statement of Needs" submitted to Lutheran churches of the world by the LWF Depa ment of World Service, and to guide the Americ Churches in the selection of projects which they wish support with LWA funds. However, there is also important new field of service opening up, namely, the International Church Workers Exchange Progr which is designed to foster a better interchange of id and lay leaders. Continuing physical needs—so far they can be met by Lutheran World Relief—must a be carefully integrated in the total program.

The first obligation of the Department of Theologi Cooperation will be to facilitate American participati in the theological studies and discussions sponsored LWF. This aspect of work is especially important preparing for the quinquennial assemblies. Theologi exchange students and professors, the planning of th logical conferences, etc., also fall to this office.

Lutheran Cooperation in Latin America will contin to interest itself in certain common projects related the mission enterprise, such as encouragement of Sp ish Lutheran literature and audio-visual aids. At t same time it will retain a lively concern for Luther of European origin now living in Latin America.

These, in brief, are some of the most obvious tasks the new Division and its various Departments. As t 1957 LWF Assembly draws closer, there can be no do that the Division—in close cooperation with the Min apolis committee—will have its hands full.



Lutheran Church in Great Britain is a tender transit. Young cuttings from many lands have been splanted into the vineyard of Britain. It is one of most complex ingraftings of Lutherans into any one ntry in modern times. Here, in a unique way, herans of almost all nations are represented. Work has not only been supported by Lutheran World ion, but is *a Lutheran world action*. In 1669, the heran Church by Royal Charter of Charles II be- ie the first legal free church in Great Britain. The nbers of the first congregations were mainly trades- n, students, craftsmen, and diplomats from the con- ntal countries. Later in the nineteenth century a e immigration of pork butchers, bakers, and tailors ie into England from Germany, and congregations e established in many of the principal cities. In the eteenth century, also, the Scandinavian and German rches took an interest in the many Lutheran seamen

Hothorpe Hall, Theddingworth, England . . .

A "Lutheran World Action"

Lloyd W. Swantz

ing into British ports. Today there are twenty-four heran Seamen's Missions.

ecause Lutheran Churches in Britain were served pastors from the continent and were fed by a con- ial flow of fresh immigrants, the language used for vices has remained for 350 years German, Norwe- n, Swedish, Danish, and Finnish. Prior to World r II, two German congregations which received pas- from the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod grad- y adopted the English language and now have a l English program, serving seven communities.

The largest influx of Lutherans came into Britain ween 1946-1949. They were refugees mainly from the tic countries and Germany, or ex-soldiers of the ish army. They numbered about 40,000, but many e since re-immigrated to Canada, U. S. A., and stralia. To meet their spiritual and physical needs, was given by the National Lutheran Council and to 1956) the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. 1948 the Lutheran Council of Great Britain was formed by the Estonian, German, Latvian, Polish, and English Lutheran Churches, which serve about 35,000.

The aim of the Lutheran Council of Great Britain is not only to give aid to the refugee churches, but through a program of stewardship and evangelism to wean them into self-supporting, spiritually mature congregations. Through theological conferences and discussions the member council churches some day hope to emerge as a United Lutheran Church in Great Britain.

To feed and water and nurture the many young transplants, the Lutheran Council purchased Hothorpe Hall, at Theddingworth, near Rugby, for a youth center. Funds for the purchase came as a gift from American Lutherans. This resulted in additional gifts from Germany and Scandinavia, and the support of time, labor, money, and prayer of all the Lutherans in Britain. Though only one year old and still expanding and under repair, this old Georgian style hall is becoming the center of Lutheran activity in Britain. It conducts monthly youth retreats and conferences, organizes training institutes and rallies. It conducts Bible camps in the summer and has a year-round English study program for Lutheran missionaries. Youth leaders of six nations (three from the ELC) now serve at Hothorpe.

The Lutheran Church in Britain is a good illustration of the Body of Christ. We are preaching and teaching here in eleven different languages; ministering to the descendants of 18th to 19th century Lutheran immigrants, to new English communities, to refugees, to seamen and merchants, to ex-P.W.'s, soldiers, and war brides, to American servicemen, to students and domestic workers from the continent, and even to Africans, Asians, and Americans now living in Britain. The prayers and aid of Lutherans from America and Germany and Scandinavian countries have made this work possible. Britain has become a testing ground of Lutheran world cooperation—it is in fact, a Lutheran world action.

Fortnightly Review

Fredrik A. Sch
President,

If you were to go church-visiting this month of May, in one of our congregations or in a congregation of the American Lutheran Church, the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Augustana Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Free Church, the Suomi Synod, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, or The United Lutheran Church in America, it is more than likely that you would hear something about Lutheran World Action. This is the month we have set aside for telling our people in congregations of eight different synods about Lutheran World Action—Love's Working Arm. And so Dr. Raymond M. Olson, our stewardship director, and the editor have planned this issue of the HERALD that the story may be told.

During the six years I served the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran World Federation, it was my responsibility and privilege, under the board supervising the work, to invest from 20% to 25% of your Lutheran World Action gifts. Consequently I feel about LWA a little as John did in writing about his acquaintance with Jesus, "that . . . which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands . . . we proclaim also to you. . . ."

The term *orphaned missions* grew out of the fact that some of the mission areas supported by European societies were cut off from support during the war and immediate postwar years. The Lutheran churches of America and Canada and mission societies of Sweden stepped in with LWA gifts to provide emergency help. But during these last few years the work could no longer be referred to as *orphaned missions,* although this term continues to be used. The "mother mission societies" have once again taken up support of the work. However, the support is not sufficient, partially because many of Germany's Lutherans live in the East Zone, but more specifically because the work has expanded and grown by such strides. In one area in Africa and in two areas in Asia, where substantial LWA support is provided, the increase in the number of believers has exceeded the total increase on all other mission fields of the entire Lutheran Church. For example, The Evangelical Lutheran Church has doubled its membership in the 39 years since our 1917 union. The Lutheran Church in New Guinea has *more than doubled* its membership in the *ten* years since World War II.

Four years ago we had a national election. Much of the concern during that campaign was that whoever was elected might find a way of bringing an end to the Korean War. The end came, and the word "Korea" has now almost disappeared from the daily news. T the people in Korea have not been permitted to for the war. They live on, surrounded by ruins. Wh they work at the slow task of bringing order out chaos, LWA gifts help to provide clothing and me cines and to supplement their meager food margins

I am sure that many of us have thanked God for apparent success of the United Nations General Sec tary Dag Hammarskjold's mission to the Middle E The threat of war, with the possibility of our be drawn into it through our treaty commitments of 19 seems to be receding. But while our skins have be saved, the staggering Arab refugee problem remai It is the task of the nations to settle the political iss that stand in the way of a solution to this proble but it is our privilege to continue through LWA anoint the wounds of these who have fallen by wayside on this international Jericho Road. LWA one inflection in the voice of the Good Samarit who said, "Take care of him; and whatever more y spend, I will repay you when I come back."

Others have written so frequently on the continui needs in the East Zone in Germany, the refugees wh our gifts assist to find a new beginning in Austra South America, Canada, or the United States, that need say nothing more. But let me quote an Americ student who went to Germany last fall to do gradu work. Before he left he had placed on deposit ha earned savings that were to support him while he w abroad. After some weeks in Europe, he wrote hon "I have seen so much good that LWA gifts have do and are doing here in Germany, I'd like you to ta $15 from my savings and give it to LWA this yea

Progress Report

LUTHERAN REFUGEE SERVICE
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April 16-20

Assurances	
To January 1	2,220
April 16-20	158
Total Assurances	8,397
Arrival of Refugees	
To January 1	61
April 16-20	12
Total Refugees Arrived	5,052

ethel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran
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new church. The following dedi-
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cher, Dr. T. F. Gullixson; April
Dedication to Christian Education,
cher, Dr. A. N. Rogness, Presi-
of Luther Seminary; April 15,
ication to Christian Fellowship,
cher, Dr. E. Clifford Nelson, for-
pastor of Bethel Congregation;
il 22, Dedication to Faith in Ac-
, preacher, Dr. Tillman Sogge, St.
f College; April 29, Dedication to World Missions, preacher, Dr. Rolf Syrdal, Executive Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, ELC.

On May 1, 1954, Bethel Lutheran Congregation and Nazareth Lutheran Church were united to form the present Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church. Bethel Congregation had been organized June 14, 1889, and Nazareth Lutheran Church in September, 1911. The first worship service was held in the new church on February 5, 1956.

The new building is built in a contemporary style at the same time that much of traditional design has been preserved. Educational and fellowship facilities provide a maximum amount of flexibility. In the nave of the church the central aisle, under the ridge of the roof, carries a strong forward movement which begins at the main door and has its climax at the altar. The font, pulpit, and altar are of white marble. The communion rail is of wrought iron with grapes and wheat accented in brass and wood. A large pounded brass Cross is suspended above and at the center of the communion rail.

The new Bethel seeks to say to the eye as well as the ear the words that are carved in stone on the front of the church, "Land, Land, Land, hear the Word of the Lord."

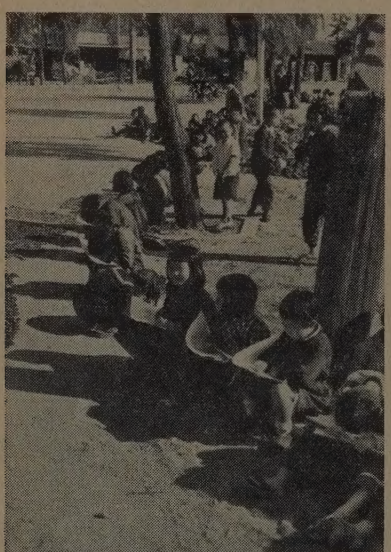
Japan . . . Bicycles and Blossoms

Japan with its teeming masses provides countless opportunities for the missionaries to witness for Christ. Our mail bag brings us many interesting letters from Japan.

SHIZUOKA

Miss Bernice Boyum, who has recently returned from her furlough in the States, will now be serving as teacher at the Bible School at Shizuoka. Her letter reveals an enthusiastic spirit:

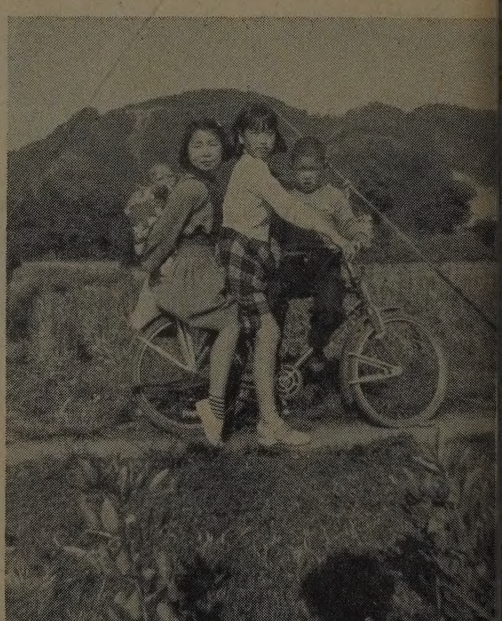
"Needless to say it is *good* to be back in Japan! It seems as though I have not been gone. The sounds (especially the 'geta' and the various street vendors), as well as the smells, are very familiar. The milling



masses of humanity give evidence of an increased population also this past year. The bicycles and other vehicles seem more numerous than ever. A number of new buildings have been erected the past months in our Tokyo community and around the Bible School. The winter dampness and March winds are penetrating, but fruit trees in blossom indicate spring and warmer weather.

"The first Sunday in Japan was spent with friends in the Tokyo district. Speaking four times that first Sunday made me feel as though I were still on deputation, but it was an inspiration to meet with the Sunday school groups and those gathered for the morning service at the Tokyo Church and the evening service in the Itabashi area. After the morning service the Tokyo congregation had a 'welcome back' noon meal of tea and 'osembei' (rice rolls with raw fish and seaweed), and an informal program. The folks in the Itabashi area also had an after-service fellowship with tea and 'okashi' (sweets) that evening.

"My return to Japan was well timed . . . the Monday the lady missionaries met in Shimada for lowship and a shower for Wenona Strandlie. Tues the Bible School Board and faculty members in viewed ten new students who came for their entra examination for the new Bible School year; on Wed day the Bible School board met to discuss problems plans for Bible School work. All this has been a n helpful orientation to my new work for the com year."



NAGOYA—MODERN STRUCTURES AND WIDE BOULEVARDS

Rev. Gaylen Gilbertson from Nagoya writes about work in that city:

"We have been living in the city of Nagoya since September. Nagoya is located about 230 miles southw

Tokyo. It is the third largest city in Japan, having population of over one million people. It is a progressive city. Having been almost completely destroyed during the war-time bombing raids, it is now almost completely rebuilt. Its modern structures and wide boulevards make one wonder if this is actually Japan.

In the southeastern part of Nagoya, only a ten minute walk from the open country, there is a beautiful white stucco chapel. This is the center of the ELC mission's work in this area. It was built by the mission nearly four years ago when our first missionary came to Nagoya. Since that time many have heard the message of salvation in this place. At the present time the congregation numbers about 35, and the average attendance for worship services is about 55. Because of the great shortage of national workers, the district missionary, together with the single lady missionary, is completely responsible for all the local congregational activities and the outreach work in four or five of the surrounding areas. We rejoice that many of the local Christians are accepting more and more responsibility, but we feel very keenly the need for more Japanese Christians to bring the message of hope to their fellow men. Pray with us, that many Japanese Christians will consecrate their lives to this great task."

All our missionaries have been enthusiastic about the broadcast of the Lutheran Hour services. Pastor Gilbertson gives a special report about one of the stations that we are sponsoring:

"As the Lutheran Hour representative from our mission, I occasionally pay a visit to the radio station here in Nagoya which carries the Lutheran Hour program. This station is sponsored by the ELC Japan Mission. During my last visit I learned an interesting fact—the total area served by this station includes a population of over 11,390,000 persons! This means that there is a potential audience of over 11 million for this Gospel broadcast every week over this one station. We pray that many souls will be reached through this means of mass communication."

WEDDING BELLS AT TOYOHASHI

Wedding bells rang in our missionary family on April 4 when Wenona Strandlie was married to Norman Strand, a missionary under the Board of Foreign Missions, Suomi Synod. Our superintendent, John Homerding, writes that their wedding was held at the height of the cherry blossom season, so they will have some beautiful memories of their trip.

Not only were wedding bells ringing in our missionary family, but also for one of our young Japanese girls. Mrs. Richard Nelson tells her story:

"For many reasons this was a memorable day for us. It marked the first Christian wedding in our Toyohashi Lutheran Church. And for me, Chieko Kobayashi will always have a special place in my heart, for she was the first young lady I was privileged to lead to Christ in Japan. . . . This young girl had struggled for over two years in her home because she refused to marry anyone but a Christian. In January, just one year ago, she brought a young man to church, a building contractor who was supervising the building of a new addition to her school. From that time on he came regularly to evening service . . . and this January they were married. Christian weddings are so rare in Japan, and hers was more than an ordinary marriage, for it will be the establishing of a happy Christian home and the ideal of all our other young people in the church."

A NEW CONGREGATION—A NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Mrs. Richard Nelson also gives a report of some of the work they are doing in Toyohasi City. They began their work there in November, 1954:

"Easter Sunday was a thrilling day for us as well as throughout the world. It climaxed a three-day Bible study conference led by Mareo Yoshia, and nine people were baptized at the morning worship, all of them over 20 years of age. . . . We now have 30 members, including many older members, so it is hoped that this fall, perhaps after the next baptism class, they can organize and have an official congregation before they build their church.

"This congregation is still without a church building, but they have decided to wait until they can pay for the entire construction themselves. We are thankful for this, for it is the best type of mission policy.

"The building preparations continue to be a joy for our people. The building committee took a trip two weeks ago to visit various churches, especially Lutheran churches, and the one at Nisshio which was built by the believers themselves. They have now raised 150,000 yen in six months, so we feel they are doing very well. And you wouldn't think so, but the general church offering has increased—not decreased—since the special church building fund project was begun. We were pleased by the action of the Mission Board regarding the indigenous church program, and hope our Japan Mission has seen the last of its mission church building. Of course there are varying opinions, and the Lord can use any number of methods, but I surely feel the way to build an indigenous church is to make it so from the very beginning—and to never, never *give* the congregation a church building. As one Japanese Christian remarked, 'Churches in Japan have nearly always been foreign built, and it has given the Church the stigma of being a foreign religion. We must build our own churches if Japan is to become Christian!' We are so glad our conference, as a whole, has also come to this conclusion."

Prospects Brighten for Missionary's Release

Prospects appeared brighter today for the early release of the Rev. Paul J. Mackensen, young Lutheran missionary who has been held captive by the Chinese Communists for more than four years. He is the only Lutheran missionary still being held by the Communists.

Through the years of his imprisonment, which began in March, 1952, there have been long stretches of time when nothing has been heard from him except a few fragmentary reports of his condition, many of them very discouraging. His father recently received a letter from him dated February 20, postmarked Shanghai, March 8. He writes:

"As for me, I am well and strong. I am also writing to the Red Cross to express my thanks for the gift packages which have been reaching my hands regularly since mid-September last year.

"These packages are a real treat, being loaded with canned goods, jars, confections, beverage powder, and articles for daily use. For example, a Crosse and Blackwell two-pound fruit cake made its timely appearance in the parcel delivered to me Dec. 23.

"Many of your prayers already have been and daily are being answered. Several months ago I was transferred to Shanghai, and I am receiving good treatment here. All things being considered, I believe you may be reasonably assured that I shall continue to be well-treated in the future, and be enabled to maintain good health until such a time as I shall be permitted to leave the Chinese mainland.

"Among the new material benefits which I enjoy, the most noteworthy is a copy of the New Testament which I have had for my edification since Mother's birthday, two months ago."

Two years ago, the Rev. Thomas I. Lee, veteran ELC missionary, reported that he had received word from a German Roman Catholic priest, released from prison in China in 1953, that Pastor Mackenson was being held in Tsingtao Prison in Shantung Province. The German priest said he had for some time been in the same cell with the Lutheran missionary.

Paul Mackenson received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Olaf College in 1944, and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1947. He was called as a missionary of the United Lutheran Church in 1946.

Against Great Odds

Harold B. Kildahl

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 13, 1956

Text: John 15:26—16:4

For two thousand years the banners of the Christ Church have flown at full mast—fluttering in the bree cheering the hearts of many. Off in the distance one listens well, he will hear the echo of trump sounding and the sound of marching feet. The witne —Christ's witnesses, men and women of believing fa motivated by the love of God and true faith in resurrected Christ, led by the Spirit of Truth have ried the Word, raised the banners, and brought li to darkened hearts.

It's an amazing story, really, of how the Word God has leaped from mouth to mouth, from heart heart, how the Church has vaulted over the barri and overcome the obstacles until nation after nation been brought captive to the Cross. It is something l that Christ was conveying to those listening few t day. He spoke of the witnesses, the men and wom who should believe on Him, and then He followed up with a severe reference to the odds—great od the bitterness and the enmity of men, the brutality men and the opposition of men to the inroads of tru

Against great odds the story has been told. Think a moment on the plight of men and women, missi aries of today who have stayed long years in prisons a camps, who have suffered at the hands of the opp tion, who have come into the free world once more emaciated shadows of their former selves. Think fo moment on the martyrs who have gone to their gra heroically witnessing to Him. Think for a moment the crusading men and women who have forsaken al homes and families and friends to embark on a stra and unknown way in strange lands, among stra people who speak strange languages and who foll strange customs, in order that the Cross might planted and the Church established. Think, frien think, and then thank God that there have been th saints of the Lord who have met and overcome great odds that stood in the way of Christian progr

The great odds are also near at hand—even with your own home. The hour of family worship sometin must be accomplished against great odds. The word be spoken to a friend likewise is sometimes done agai great odds. You know it well. But the cause must on, the Cross must be planted in human hearts and name of Jesus Christ must be exalted—even by y against great odds. Amen.

A PROPOSAL

To Meet A Trust

Recommended Budget 1957-58

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WE OF THIS GENERATION in the Christian Church are called to our own unique responsibilities in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is our trust to find the ways by which we can best proclaim the Christian gospel and to enter upon those ways with earnestness, dedication and liberal giving.

We who belong to the Christian Church now are entrusted with more dollars than any other generation before us. We belong to the most prosperous nation the world has ever known, even when we consider some of the inequalities which exist in our society. We are under the Christian discipline of deciding how much we need for daily living and how much we possibly can pour into the Christian cause. We are in a special kind of temptation lest we become so absorbed in getting things that we forget the high purposes which money can have in a Christian's hands.

There is no doubt but that an increasing number of dollars have been given for the Christian work in which the Church is engaged. This past year is a good example. We believe the present year will also show this. Some of this increase has come because of the increased income which people have had. Some of it is undoubtedly due to an increased willingness to give, which is a sign of God's Spirit working in our hearts. This Budget proposal has been prepared in the belief that the dollars which pass through our hands are holy dollars which ought to be given for God's work in an even larger measure than in the past. Great spiritual issues are at stake in our willingness or unwillingness to be such Christian stewards.

THE ADVANCE PROGRAM

Since the Advance Program is the biggest departure from our usual budget planning, in all that is shown on these pages, it merits a brief comment. In other years we have gathered money for special needs through special appeals. We have said we want to gather such "capital money" as a part of the regular annual Budget. Our Luther Seminary Development Fund is set up in this way in 1956. The items for 1957-58 in the Advance Program are "capital" items. If we did not handle them in this way we would find it necessary to have a special appeal in the amount of $1,200,000 for matters pertaining to the Union during the next three years. We would also find it necessary to have a special appeal in the amount of at least $1,600,000 for capital development at our colleges during that period.

PART I
Current Program

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

	1956	1957-58
Theological Seminaries — Luther, St. Paul; Luther, Saskatoon	$195,000.00	$230,476.00
Schools and Colleges — 5 Senior Colleges; 1 Junior College; 4 Academies	608,000.00	655,000.00
Parish Education	65,000.00	95,862.00
Administrative Offices, Department of Christian Education	38,500.00	42,440.00
Church Audits of Colleges	10,000.00	10,000.00
Services and Subsidies	19,500.00	4,350.00
Total	$936,000.00	$1,038,128.00

Percentage Increase: 10.9%

Three main items account for the increase in the budget for the Department of Christian Education. The expanded program and facilities at Luther Theological Seminary necessitate the increase indicated. The additional amount provided for Schools and Colleges supplies the funds needed to match the additional income that will become available through the gifts from the Ford Foundation. The increase for Parish Education will supply the personnel, etc., that will make possible the revision of Sunday school material and provide sorely needed new material for Parish Education in general.

DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS

	1956	1957-58
District Field Work	$ 90,000.00	$ 95,000.00
Special Missions	30,000.00	30,000.00
Evangelism	75,000.00	85,000.00
Home Office	30,000.00	35,000.00
Parish Workers	20,000.000	25,000.00
Subsidies to Congregations	445,000.00	558,000.00
Total	$690,000.00	$828,000.00

Percentage Increase: 20.0%

The above figures show that the increase in the Home Mission budget will add more than $100,000 for subsidy to congregations, meaning that more new churches will be established. There will also be a substantial increase for evangelism, and lesser increases for the remainder of the work.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

	1956	1957-58
China	$130,000.00	$135,000.00
Japan	220,000.00	282,000.00
Madagascar	250,000.00	260,000.00
South Africa	130,000.00	138,000.00
Sudan, West Africa	140,000.00	165,000.00
Colombia (partial)	.....	30,000.00
Field Work, Medical Expense, Furlough, etc.	20,000.00	25,000.00
Administration, Office Expense, etc.	42,000.00	45,000.00
Total	$932,000.00	$1,080,000.00
Less Income Expected From Other Sources	242,000.00	252,000.00
Budget Appropriation	$690,000.00	$828,000.00

The above budget estimate takes care of normal increase of costs of operating missions in various lands and slight increase in missionary personnel. In general, it takes care only of present commitments. Any advance must be through giving beyond the budget appropriation.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES

	1956	1957-58
Homes for the Aged	$ 69,350.00	$ 78,400.00
Institutional Chaplains	62,785.00	76,835.00
Lutheran Welfare Societies and Councils	62,900.00	64,400.00
Miscellaneous Institutions	22,700.00	24,700.00
Child Care Institutions	102,700.00	132,465.00
Subsidies and Social Service Scholarships	15,050.00	16,750.00
Administration, Office, Promotion	43,450.00	45,450.00
Abiding Memorial Expense	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total	$383,435.00	$443,500.00
Less Income Expected From Other Sources	23,435.00	11,500.00
Total Budget Appropriation	$360,000.00	$432,000.00

Percentage Increase: 20.0%

A few of the projects that merit the attention of the Church by this increase in the budget for the Department of Charities are: subsidizing new homes for the aged in the planning or building stage, and accepting partial responsibility for their chaplaincy programs; strengthening chaplaincy programs in areas where the E.L.C. has a responsibility, including Canada and the Red Wing State Training School; subsidies to newly recognized or established Lutheran Welfare Societies; expanding support of the Plymouth Christian Youth Center and the Bethany Lutheran Church for the Deaf; strengthening the staff of the church's child care institutions; and training more social workers and chaplains through a scholarship program.

DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS

REQUIREMENTS:	1956	1957-58
Annual Installment for Pension Benefits, as determined by actuaries	$205,908.00	$205,908.00
Operational Expenses For salaries, actuaries, field service, office expense	35,253.00	44,100.00
Death Benefit Reserve For dependents of deceased members	32,247.00	32,247.00
Disability Reserve For permanently disabled members	21,000.00	21,000.00
Pension Payment Reserve and Contingencies Reserve for payment of pensions to those retiring in the future	25,592.00	58,745.00
Total	$320,000.00	$362,000.00
ANTICIPATED INCOME:		
Budget Receipts	*190,000.00	*190,000.00
2% Congregation Contributions, Net	80,000.00	115,000.00
Interest on Investments	20,000.00	27,000.00
A Share of Augsburg Publishing House Profits	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total	**$320,000.00**	**$362,000.00**

***Percentage Budget Increase: 0%**

The Department of Pensions uses the bulk of its income from the Church Budget to supplement the earned annuities of our retired and disabled members and widows under the Pension Plan.

	1956	1957-58
TOTAL PART I — *CURRENT PROGRAM*	$2,866,000.00	$3,316,128.00

Percentage Increase: 15.7%

PART II
Operation and Cooperation

OPERATION

	1956	1957-58
President's Office	$ 10,000.00	$ 30,000.00
General Secretary's Office	22,000.00	26,000.00
Archives and General Convention	16,000.00	24,000.00
Treasurer's Office	71,000.00	86,525.00
District Presidents, Church Council	73,800.00	85,680.00
Department of Stewardship	118,000.00	148,700.00
Board of Trustees, Investment, Probate	6,000.00	23,000.00
Auditors	5,775.00	6,000.00
Insurance Committee, In Memoriam	3,250.00	2,750.00
Sundry Committee Expense	7,000.00	....
Financial Secretary, Canada	2,000.00	2,000.00
Contingent	76,201.00	100,000.00
Total	$411,026.00	$534,655.00

Percentage Increase: 30.1%

The increases in this section of the Budget are accounted for in the main at four points. The President's Office has its full expense charged to the Budget, without the previous supplement from endowment income. The Treasurer's Office is involved in replacing worn-out equipment. The Department of Stewardship budget calls for the inclusion of the Every Member Visit program (discontinuing the 1½ per cent fee), additional field service and conferences to interpret a non-apportioned Budget and the ever-increasing number of requests for free printed material. The contingent line is modest by comparison with most church bodies. It is used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. This section represents more than would ordinarily be thought of as administration because it includes so many field services and helps for congregations.

SPECIAL SERVICES

	1956	1957-58
Public Relations—TV—Radio	$ 38,000.00	$ 54,500.00
Subsidy to College Radio Stations	.....	7,500.00
Parish Conservation and Extension	18,000.00	25,500.00
Book Mission	18,000.00	18,000.00
Choral Union	5,000.00	10,000.00
Norwegian Conference	2,600.00	3,000.00
Chaplaincy Commission	7,500.00	15,000.00
Diaconate	12,000.00	12,000.00
Union Committee	.....	10,000.00
Total	$101,100.00	$155,500.00

Percentage Increase: 53.8%

All of the items under Special Services have been requested of our Church by convention action. The increases come primarily at the point of increased Public Relations efforts through TV and Radio and the expenses necessary for negotiating union.

AUXILIARIES

	1956	1957-58
Women's Missionary Federation	$ 30,000.00	$ 36,000.00
Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation	16,000.00	19,425.00
Brotherhood of the E.L.C.	35,000.00	46,000.00
Total	$ 81,000.00	$101,425.00

Percentage Increase: 25.2%

The increases requested by the Auxiliaries are necessary to take care of increased costs and more extensive field service to the congregations of the E.L.C.

LUTHERAN COOPERATION

	1956	1957-58
USA — Lutheran World Action	$604,657.00	$671,275.00
Canadian Lutheran World Action and Council	11,500.00	13,870.00
National Lutheran Council	121,843.00	145,347.00
Lutheran World Federation	6,000.00	8,000.00
Pensions for Chaplains	6,000.00	5,000.00
Student Service Capital Fund	90,874.00	.....
Total	$840,874.00	$843,492.00

Percentage Increase: .3%

The chief increases in Lutheran World Action are at the point of increased responsibilities in World Missions and a "catching up" with a program which has been temporarily supported out of reserve funds. In National Lutheran Council the increases come primarily in the ministry to students under the Division of College and University Work and in the new Immigration Service which is to replace the emergency Refugee Service. The amount budgeted for the Student Service Capital Fund has now been shifted to the Advance Program section of the Budget.

	1956	1957-58
TOTAL PART II — *OPERATION AND COOPERATION*	$1,434,000.00	$1,635,072.00

Percentage Increase: 14.0%

PART THREE
Advance Program

	1956	1957-58
Luther Theological Seminary Development Fund	$1,500,000.00	$.....
Student Service Capital Fund	.....	90,874.00
College Debt Retirement Schedule	.....	500,000.00
Working Capital Fund (in preparation for union)	.....	325,000.00
Lutheran Television Associates	.....	50,000.00
Interim Expense Fund (in preparation for union)	.....	115,000.00
California Lutheran College	.....	50,000.00
Total	$1,500,000.00	$1,130,874.00

Percentage Decrease: 24.6%

The Advance Program as outlined above comes as a result of action at the 1954 General Convention to raise capital funds year by year rather than through periodic special appeals. The amounts included in this section of the Budget are those which seem to have priority for this biennium as well as for 1959. In the new Church the items will be changed from one biennium to another.

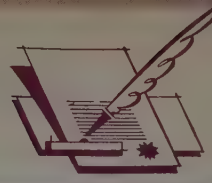
	1956	1957-58
TOTAL PART III — *ADVANCE PROGRAM*	$1,500,000.00	$1,130,874.00

Percentage Decrease: 24.6%

SUMMARY

	1956	1957-58	% Change
PART I *CURRENT PROGRAM*	$2,866,000.00	$3,316,128.00	15.7+
PART II *OPERATION AND COOPERATION*	1,434,000.00	1,635,072.00	14.0+
PART III *ADVANCE PROGRAM*	1,500,000.00	1,130,874.00	24.6 —
Total	$5,800,000.00	$6,082,074.00	4.9+

Resolutions



RELATING TO BUDGET PROPOSALS

RESOLUTION ONE

WHEREAS, The Scripture commissions us to "make disciples of all nations," and assures us that "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work"; and

WHEREAS, The Church offers us our most satisfactory and inviting channel through which to do this work and use our tithes and offerings; and

WHEREAS, The 1954 General Convention adopted resolutions calling for a three-part Budget for the 1957-58 biennium which includes an "Advance Program" in addition to the regular operating Budget of the Church; and

WHEREAS, The union negotiations bring certain special financial responsibilities which cannot be postponed; and

WHEREAS, Every part of the work of the Church has great open doors for us to enter with our gifts; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees recommends that the annual Budget of The Evangelical Lutheran Church for the next biennium, 1957-58, shall be as follows:

PART I CURRENT PROGRAM				
Department of Christian Education	$1,038,128.00		17.1%	
Department of Home Missions	828,000.00		13.6	
Department of Foreign Missions	828,000.00		13.6	
Department of Charities	432,000.00		7.1	
Department of Pensions	190,000.00		3.1	
		$3,316,128.00		54.5%
PART II OPERATION AND COOPERATION				
Operation	$534,655.00		8.8	
Special Services	155,500.00		2.6	
Auxiliaries	101,425.00		1.7	
Lutheran Cooperation	843,492.00		13.9	
		$1,635,072.00		27.0%
PART III ADVANCE PROGRAM				
Student Service Capital Fund	$ 90,874.00		1.5	
College Debt Retirement Schedule	500,000.00		8.2	
Working Capital Fund (in preparation for union)	325,000.00		5.3	
Lutheran Television Associates	50,000.00		.8	
Interim Expense Fund (in preparation for union)	115,000.00		1.9	
California Lutheran College	50,000.00		.8	
		$1,130,874.00		18.5%
TOTAL BUDGET		$6,082,074.00		100.0%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees is authorized to establish the schedule of distribution of receipts for the Advance Program to the causes specified.

RESOLUTION TWO

The Every Member Visit

WHEREAS, the Department of Stewardship has developed a carefully planned program for an Every Member Visit in the congregations; and

WHEREAS, it is consistent with Christian stewardship that all members of the Church be confronted with a program which seeks to extend the Christian cause at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Every Member Visit program has been followed with beneficial results in many congregations; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Evangelical Lutheran Church declares its approval of such an emphasis and commends this program to its member congregations for their use in the exercise of good stewardship.

RESOLUTION THREE

The Every Congregation Visit

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Church has, for many years, followed the plan of apportioning the Budget of the Church to the districts, circuits and congregations; and

WHEREAS, the 1954 General Convention adopted the "Budget Approach to Congregations" outlined in the Report of the Joint Union Committee as the approach to be used for the 1957-58 Budget and for succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, this Budget approach will no longer provide for apportionments, but states that "congregations will be expected to determine prayerfully their own challenging objectives for the support of the Kingdom enterprise"; and

WHEREAS, we desire to assure each other that we do not consider this change in procedure as a plan for doing less but for doing more, not in expectation of retreat from present apportionment goals but of moving on from them in freedom, vision and courage; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and helpful for a congregation to review the program of the Church just as it is desirable for us as individuals to review our congregation's program before planning our giving; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Department of Stewardship be authorized to carry out an Every Congregation Visit in order to provide a careful examination of the program of The Evangelical Lutheran Church on the part of each congregation before it determines its "objective" or annual goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the congregations, in keeping with the spirit of the new procedures, be requested to state a specific annual goal for the Budget of The Evangelical Lutheran Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the congregations be encouraged to provide a sympathetic hearing to the Visitors who will represent the Church, in order to bring the best possible understanding of the work of the Church which is involved in the adopted Budget.

Background

FOR THE CHURCH'S MISSION

BUDGET PROPOSALS are built as carefully as one plans the construction of a house. They do not just happen. They are not the fruit of sudden whims or the result of idle dreaming. There is a background for the Budget proposal which has been portrayed on these pages, which becomes a background for the Church's mission. Against that background these totals gain significance and make of us in our congregations participants in a great period of our Church's life.

This proposal began to take this special form when the Joint Union Committee and the Polity and Organization Committee of our Church, working with those of the other negotiating churches, began to formulate the documents which dealt with financial matters, with budgets and programs of the new Church. Those documents came to the 1954 General Convention. That Convention said: "Be It Resolved, That the plan for the budget of the proposed church body contained in the Report of the Joint Union Committee to the Conventions of the Negotiating Bodies be adopted to be effective in the 1957-58 biennium and in succeeding years."

The form was also shaped when the true potentials of our congregations began to reveal themselves in these recent years, when it became clear that they were ready for challenges in Christian discipleship much greater than they had known. Some engaged in building programs, with an increased level of giving. They wanted to maintain that level, using it for the outreach of the Church across the world. Some used the services of professional fund-raising organizations and had their eyes opened to the size of the tasks which could be undertaken when all members participated and did so with something more than token giving. Other congregations made plans to bring the Every Member Visit program into their annual planning with the assurance that they would want new goals and programs to claim the additional gifts which would come.

Some of the background for this proposal is to be found in the fact that we have been forced to examine the unusual Christian responsibilities of our generation. Never before has the Church found it necessary to think of serving so many of its students as now, at its seminaries, its colleges, and at the great non-Lutheran universities and colleges. Never before has the Church found it necessary to minister to such a great company of men and women granted to live into their 80's and 90's. Never before has the Church been called upon to minister to so many mentally ill, physically ill, broken in spirit, emotionally disturbed. A complex civilization has been taking its toll.

Never before has the nation seen such a continuing population boom and population shift, with the new claim upon the Church for mission congregations, for parish education programs and related matters. Never before has there been such a tempo in the field of foreign missions, with nationalism rising all around the world. The day of labor does not promise to be long in many places, and even where it is possible to enter there are vigorous new voices clamoring for the attention of those whom Christ should claim. Never before have we found it so essential to move in unison with other Lutheran churches in the programs of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran World Federation. We can no longer determine solely for ourselves the claims with which we will reckon. The judgments and concerns of others have become a part of the call to us to plan for a great work in these years.

These are some of the elements in the background of this Budget proposal, the background of this mission of our Church. There are many more. We must call one another to prayer in such a time, that we shall be wise enough and ready enough to serve our Lord in the proportions which are right and in the spirit which partakes of Christian courage. We are not to abdicate reason in coming to decision, nor are we to act as though this was a program which will be carried out by magic. It will be done by the grace of God in us, and in the measure of our obedience to the call He gives. It will call for Christian stewardship of high order.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD PENTECOST SUNDAY

e Lesson: Acts 2:1-11

The Gospel: John 14:23-31

Monday, May 14
OTHER TONGUES
Read Acts 2:1-4

And they were all filled with the Holy rit and began to speak in other gues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Pentecost Sunday was a miraculous . It was the birthday of the Christian urch. On that day the Holy Spirit te in His fulness to dwell in the rts of believers. Because it was a spe- event, the most special event after work of redemption was finished, God wed unusual things to happen in con- tion with it. Those upon whom the ly Spirit came that day actually spoke other tongues. They spoke in foreign gues even though they had no knowl- e of them before.

This outward sign does not come with Holy Spirit in our day. An Arabian vert does not find himself all of a den able to speak English, or Ger- n, or Greek. But he, like all true ristians begins to speak a new lan- ge; the language of faith.

Fill me with Thy Spirit, dear Jesus, that my entire life will be lived to ee and to Thy glory. Amen.

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Tuesday, May 15
THIRSTY?
Read John 7:37-39

"If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink."

When Jesus said this He was talking about Christianity, or true life. Those who believe in Him have an endless supply of life. And He also said, "He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " All of this was a reference to the Holy Spirit which those who believed in Him were to receive.

And it is true to this day, even as it will be to the end of time. The Spirit gives life, sustains it, and causes it to bring forth fruit. In Him alone there is this wonderful life.

The Spirit seeks all those who do not have this life and through repentance and faith brings about the new birth. Then He abides with the Christian and aids him in growth. This He continues until the believer is separated from sin and entirely unto God in the life to come.

Let me look into my own life and see if it is the old or the *new*.

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Wednesday, May 16
IN THE SPIRIT
Read Ephesians 2:17-22

In whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

A man once asked a gathering of young people why there would be no Christmas or Easter if it was not for the Holy Spirit. This was his way of making clear the importance of the third Person of the Holy Trinity. All one need do is recite to himself the first lines of Luther's explanation to the Third Article: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me . . . enlightened me . . . sanctified me."

Therefore I believe my faith is a gift of the Spirit and that Spirit dwells within me. This is the common bond of all true Christians. They may be different in race and color, in age, in social scale, in health, in wealth; but in this one thing and because of this one thing alone, they are brothers and sisters in Christ. Paul unites them into a "holy temple in the Lord."

Am I living in the Spirit?

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Thursday, May 17
CONNECTIONS
Read John 15:1-11

"I am the vine, you are the branches. who abides in me, and I in him, he it hat bears much fruit, for apart from you can do nothing."

Often people say, although sometimes airly, "So-and-so has gotten to his h position because he had connections." netimes this may be true, and some- es it may not be true.

But there is a definite connection that ry person needs if he is going to be e to live the Christian life. That con- tion is Christ. "I am the vine," He s, and "you are the branches." If the nection is broken between the branch the vine, the branch will wither and

When we become grafted onto the vine, ich is Christ, our spiritual life be- s. From then on it is necessary to p the connection. Christ uses the word ide." This word is repeated over and r because it is important.

May the Holy Spirit help me to abide. I know that without Christ I am

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Friday, May 18
FOR ALL PEOPLE
Read Acts 2:37-41

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

These words are from Peter's sermon on Pentecost Sunday. After he had told them, or rather explained to them what all the unusual activity was about; and after he had reminded them of their shameless treatment of the Son of God, he offered them the way to peace with God. Repentance and baptism. Following this would come the gift of the Holy Spirit.

How well do we understand this? Do we know it as an experience in our own lives? If we are believers who live in obedience to the Word, then we are among those who have the gift of the Holy Spirit. If we do not—if any among us have not repented, or are not baptized, we cannot possibly have this gift. Whether we have it or not is not a matter of take-it-or-leave-it. Truthfully, it is a matter of life or death. And if I take it to God He will answer it for me.

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Saturday, May 19
"WITH YOU"
Read John 14:15-21

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever."

What sort of a God do we have? Is He one that we meet up with, or see once in our lifetime? Do we get our instructions from Him, plus a hearty send-off, and an "I will see you later, at the end of your life, and see how you made out?" Does He say "You have a very hard row to hoe from here on in but I hope you will be able to get along. I'm sorry, but I won't be able to check with you every year, or every ten years. Just do the best you can."

Thank God, no. Jesus said of God, "He will give you another Counselor, to be *with you* forever." From the beginning of the spiritual life to the earthly end and into eternity. That is the activity of the Counselor, or the Holy Spirit. He it is that activates life and gives it growth. He comforts, sustains, strengthens, supports, and guides. All this and more.

Do you have the Spirit with you? Thank God for this precious gift!

Toward the General Convention

MEMORIAL FROM SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

CONCERNING ARTICLES OF UNION

During the months of March and April a series of District meetings have been held for consideration of the union documents. Most of these meetings were informal, but the South Central District meeting was a regularly called official meeting and consequently motions adopted at this meeting became official action of the District. The following resolution is a memorial to the General Convention concerning action on Section 2 of Article X of the Articles of Union:

"Moved, seconded and carried that the South Central District of The Evangelical Lutheran Church respectfully memorializes the General Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church meeting in June, 1956, to request the Joint Union Committee to take the following action:

1. That Section 2 of Article X of the Articles of Union be stricken, and
2. That the question of membership in World Council of Churches on the part of The American Lutheran Church be made the subject of further study by the Joint Union Committee, and
3. That the decision as to membership in the World Council of Churches be made two years after the formation of The American Lutheran Church, and that previous to the decision full and free discussion of the matter shall be encouraged through the Church.

BURTON W. SMITH
Secretary

This memorial has the force of a substitute motion. It will therefore have to receive prior consideration when the Convention gives its attention to Section 2 of Article X of the Articles of Union.

FREDRIK A. SCHIOTZ, President

A Correction

You are perhaps aware that in the printed copy of my letter to LUTHERAN HERALD there is a change in one of the sentences from that which I sent you in my copy. It is the third sentence from the end. It is printed like this: "This leads me to believe that the ALC . . . ," whereas it was supposed to have read: "This leads me to believe that Dr. Malmin. . . ."

This was a most serious change because it completely destroys a certain pattern in the use of the two preceding quotations.

I know that you are trying to uphold a policy of fa ness in dealing with all of these important issues, a for that reason believe you will see that no time is l before the necessary statement of correction appears. course, even a statement of a necessary correction cann undo the loss of a little "punch" sustained by the char of line in the original publication.

In the correction please include reference to the iss of April 24, 1956, and page 445.

Deeply regretting the change that was made, but appreciation for the printing of my letter,

Sincerely yours,
(The Rev.) ARTHUR H. JOHNSHOY
Lake Preston, S. Dak.

Apologies! We thought we were correcting a slip the typewriter and had no intention of changing t sense.—THE EDITOR.

Are We Ready and Willing?

(Dr.) Norris Ols
Menomonie, W

Next June we will be asked to decide a question great significance, namely whether or not we want accept the *Report* of the Joint Union Committee a vote to merge with other Lutheran synods. Many a the advantages of voting in the affirmative. On t other hand, there is much we are asked to give up, a it behooves us to consider whether we are prepared do this. Let us remember that the honorable thing do once we have reached a decision is to adhere to and forever hold our peace.

We are asked to give up our name, a name which w struggled for years to adopt in the place of the nam which indicated our origin. Our present name is a goo name: it sets forth the universality and, if you plea the ecumenicity of our Lutheran Church. The nam proposed, on the other hand, indicates limitations a may well be to our disadvantage on the foreign missio field.

We are asked to give up the name of our chur paper, a name which has become dear to many of u

We are told that the merged Church will ask f admission to the World Council of Churches becau two other synods already belong. And this in spite the fact that we voted two to one only eight years ag to stay out of this organization. Nor is there any i dication that said World Council of Churches h changed during these eight years.

It may well be that our pastors and congregations a ready and willing to make these concessions and sa

ces. If so, let us vote to merge in June. But let there no complaining afterward. On the other hand, it y be prudent to delay action until not only our con- tion membership, but also the entire membership our Church, fully realizes the implications of the rger. It behooves us to weigh these matters care- y and to proceed cautiously, not allowing ourselves e carried away by the oratory of the eloquent.

An Unfortunate Situation

(The Rev.) R. H. Schlinkert
Woodworth, North Dakota

hall not consider the merits or demerits of the WCC this correspondence, although I have definite con- tions on that point. But I cannot see any reason for mbership in the WCC by The American Lutheran urch immediately. I feel that it is an unfortunate iation.

. I feel that it is unfair to The American Lutheran urch to be a member of the WCC from its concep- n. My opinion is that it should begin life without tie to any non-Lutheran council or association. This y it can later consider such membership without judice of an already formed association by it as an ganization.

2. I feel that it is unfair to the WCC for The Ameri- n Lutheran Church to make a commitment to it ich the church cannot definitely say it will fulfill. e new church would in effect be saying that we making this commitment now but we cannot guar- tee that we can fulfill it. This type of a commitment uld be unethical in business. Should not the church all the more above such unethical relations?

3. There must be room for such action concerning n-Lutheran councils and association to be made by e American Lutheran Church for referral to the tricts of the church. This I call for because of the ited representation at the General Convention. Since voice of the local congregations will be vested main- in the district conventions, they should there have final vote on these matters.

It is my conviction also that the make-up of the neral Convention is too small. I know that as the urch grows we will have to limit the membership the convention in some way. But would it not be tter to set a definite representative for every so many embers instead of limiting the delegates as now posed? As of the present statistics one delegate will present 2,527 confirmed members. As the church ows the delegate would represent more members. ould it not be better to say have one delegate from ch parish or one delegate for each 500 members? hat way as the church grows the representation would o grow and be more of a representation of the people the church.

"Who Shall Trust Whom?"

(Dr.) A. N. Rogness
Member of ELC Union Committee

Three church bodies are moving toward union. All three belong to the National Lutheran Council and to the Lutheran World Federation; two belong to the World Council of Churches. Our Church, the ELC, does not hold membership in this Council.

Almost a decade ago, in 1948, when we voted not to seek membership in the World Council of Churches, there were two significant reasons advanced for not joining: first, that the Council was young and we could profitably wait to appraise its work; and secondly, that in the meantime we could seek counsel from our fellow Lutherans who were members.

Now we are at the point of union with two of these bodies. Their leadership has given us assurance that as participants in the World Council of Churches they have never been denied opportunity for full witness to their faith; and that, moreover, they have grown in the conviction that it is their duty to bear witness in this one, great council of the world's non-Roman Christendom.

Now the question arises among these three brother-synods: who shall trust whom? Shall we, who are outside, ask them to step out; or, have they, who are within, the right to ask that we trust them?

I see three brothers at a swimming hole. Two make the plunge. The third stands on the bank waiting—waiting word from his brothers. Then the two call out, "Come on in, the water's O.K." I realize that the picture may oversimplify the problem that faces us now, but I cannot escape the sense that if we shall manifest Christian trust among ourselves as brother-synods, the two who are "in" have the greater right to expect that we trust their testimony than that they rely on our caution.

If the new Church begins its life with membership in the World Council of Churches, whom are we trusting? We are expressing faith in the reassurances given us by our two immediate brother-synods, the American Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. Moreover, we are expressing trust in about fifty million other Lutherans throughout our country and the world who already are members of the Council. For, by far the largest single membership in the World Council of Churches is Lutheran, over 25% of the total membership. In fact, over 95% of our brother Lutherans in the Lutheran World Federation are already members of the World Council of Churches. It is not, therefore, as if we are placing our trust in an alien body—as Lutherans we are trusting each other! Again and again Lutherans from Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Germany have expressed their hope that we, their fellow members in the Lutheran World Fed-

eration, would join and reinforce them in the World Council of Churches.

To be sure, there are many theological points of view represented in the Council. That is the reason its constitution defines itself *as a council and not as a Church.* It is a council of Christian Churches, however, because membership is limited to the Churches which confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The very fact that its vast membership represents several points of view over against the great doctrines of Christendom, such as the nature of the Church, the nature of man, the inspiration of Scripture, and the eschatological hope of things to come—this very variety may constitute the good reason why we ought to be there, among our confessional brothers, to bear our witness. For this is the one, great non-Roman round-table or forum of the middle twentieth century where the Lordship of Christ is articulated for this age. If statements are to be hammered out for our age (as they were made in our ecumenical creeds by the early councils of Christendom), we probably should be sitting where our voice may be heard.

We face the uncomfortable prospect of turning our backs upon nine tenths of our own Lutheran brethren, including the very brothers with whom we plan to become a new Church body. Or, we will, in trust of them, take our place with them at this great round-table of Christendom.

The Majority Could Be Wrong

(The Rev.) DeWayne Bey
Pastor-elect, Libby, Montana

When does a matter of conscience cease being a matter of conscience? Does a simple majority vote at a synodical convention place our consciences at ease? I seriously question what the advocates of "decision on the World Council before Union" think would be accomplished by such a decision. Membership in the Council of Churches is not only a matter of conscience on the side of those who have opposed it in the past, many of whom would likely oppose it again; it is also a matter of conscience for those who sincerely feel we ought to belong.

A decision on the World Council in 1956, one way or the other, wouldn't be significant for the united Church. Our ELC is not unanimous either way right now; it would likely be a fairly close vote; and the majority could make the wrong decision. The votes of the ELC within a united Church on this issue will not be so clearly defined that it even deserves to be an issue at this point. If the ELC was absolutely determined on its position there may be some justification for the issue's being brought up, but it isn't.

Furthermore, people can and do change their minds. Would we want to enter union in a church where a large segment, whether it would presently be majority or minority, could feel offended by a future decision the majority of the entire body? As Lutherans we ne confidence, not only in our private judgments, but our collective judgments. I have developed a point view that, though I believe the Spirit can speak to in my own heart, the spirit can speak much mo powerfully through our combined considerations a decisions. This I not only will trust to the ELC convention, but will trust the combined churches union as well. I am determined in my own mind this matter of World Council membership, though reserve the right to change my mind. I will also along with the Church body to which I belong on t decision she makes on either side. But I cannot sy pathize with the point of view that wants to restr the decision to the ELC when it will involve ma others besides us; and it also wouldn't be fair to large number in the ELC, though they may be a mino ity at the present, who favor the World Council Churches.

There would be no significant accomplishment f our Church to make a decision on union that wou condition us to either side on the question of particip tion in the World Council. All a vote on the Wor Council now could mean to us would be a straw vo It would have little or no meaning, except as a baron eter (unless we passed it and joined before union). is worth repeating that this question is a matter conscience on both sides, and I resent having advocat of the negative speak as if such a righteous thing w accomplished by their aloofness, since I favor it.

Others Have Consciences Too

(The Rev.) Robert L. Peters
Virginia, Minneso

Just a word concerning the letters which are comin into the correspondence column. Now that the Wor Council issue has entered the union plans, there seem to be an increase of correspondence. In these letters protest, a recurring theme seems to be that of disturbe consciences. I respect those consciences. But as Christia pastors (who seem to be the main objectors), let us b Christian gentlemen. We of the ELC are not the on people with consciences. Let us have faith in our bret ren of the ALC and the UELC. I trust that they co sidered the problem prayerfully and carefully too. Th recommendation of the Joint Union Committee seem to be a reasonable one to me. After we have becom one, we of the ELC can listen to those who have live and worked in the World Council. The others will i turn listen to our objections. Surely a balanced an good decision ought to result from such a convention If we will not trust and respect the convictions of thos with whom we are uniting, I believe that it follows tha we are not mature enough for "the wedding."

lere and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

NEER PROFESSORSHIP IN IGION-HEALTH

Lutheran has been named by the versity of Chicago to the joint prorship of religion and health, bed to be the first of its kind in country. He is the Rev. Granger tberg, a pastor of the Augustana heran Church, who has served as plain of university clinics and ated professor of pastoral care in Federated Theological Faculty at university since 1952.

escribed as "a pioneering develop- t in both medical and theological cation," the new program planned Mr. Westberg will emphasize the elation of religious and medical lications affecting the physical con- n of patients. Seminars offered to ents of the university's School of licine, as well as seminarians of Federated Theological Faculty, will with case studies of patients whose blems have both spiritual and medi- implications.

r. Lowell T. Coggeshall, dean of medical school, said the new prorship will make possible "more ly of the proper relationship be- en the physician and the minister hey seek to help people." He added Mr. Westberg's services will help lical students to "understand what clergyman can do for patients."

HOP LILJE LONDON

otional nationalism, communism, the growth of non-Christian re- ns are the three major religious political problems of today's world ssitating a stronger, more positive d by Christians, according to Bish- Lilje of Hannover, president of the heran World Federation, speaking London. He urged Lutherans of at Britain to "take Jesus Christ ously" and to take a Christian d against the world's major prob- s.

he waves of emotional nationalism eping over Asia and Africa "may to a catastrophe," many people ughout the world turn toward mmunism as a movement "which will give their nationalism a chance for expression," and at the same time the growth of Hinduism and Mohammedanism are of "serious concern for the Christian Church," the LWF president warned. The weakness of western Christianity in meeting these developments is the fact that too many feel it "is not necessary to take a stand in being a Christian," he added. "In our western Christianity we think we can say 'yes' to Jesus Christ but need not accept the consequences of such a statement," he stated.

"As I have traveled throughout the world, I have noticed here and there persons saying they could be Christians without being part of the Church. But such persons do not wish to take the obligations required by Christ seriously," he said.

BATAKS WARN AGAINST COMMUNISM

The Annual Great Synod of the 650,000-member Huria Kristen Batak (Lutheran) Protestant Church, largest Protestant Church in the Far East, adopted a series of resolutions sternly warning its members against the dangers of Communism, according to information received at headquarters of the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva.

"Our Church rejects the Communist teaching for there is no redemption but by Christ, our Savior and Gracious Lord," the Great Synod said. "We reject the Communist method of forcing people to complete obedience to their doctrine, for we ought to obey God rather than man. That is why every congregation member and especially the church worker ought to shun the Communist's doctrine and every movement founded on that doctrine," the Batak resolution stressed. The action was interpreted as an answer to an aggressive Communist program aimed at capturing the young Indonesian nation for Marxism.

NEW DIRECTOR OF HILFSWERK

The Rev. Christian R. Berg, 52, director of church relief work and interchurch aid programs in the Soviet Zone of Germany and Berlin since 1949, has been named head of "Hilfswerk," the relief agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany. At the same time it was reported that the central office of "Hilfswerk" will be moved from Stuttgart to Berlin. This

CORNERSTONE LAID AT COVENTRY

RNS Photo

Queen Elizabeth II laid the cornerstone of the new $3,000,000 Coventry (England) Cathedral at an impressive ceremony attended by some 3,000 persons. It will replace the ancient sanctuary destroyed by German bombs in the 1940 blitz of World War II. Shown standing with the Queen in front of the ruins of the bombed high altar are the Duke of Edinburgh and the Rt. Rev. R. T. Howard, provost of Coventry. A bomb-scarred cross may still be seen on the cathedral's altar (right).

APARTMENTS SURROUND CHURCH

RNS Photo

Historic Church of the Transfiguration in St. Louis, Mo., holds its ground as a housing project goes up all around it. When the new houses are completed, they will tower on three sides of the little church. The apartments replace slum dwellings which once surrounded the sanctuary. The Rev. William R. Young is the pastor of the church, a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

move, as well as the transfer of other central church offices to Berlin, was interpreted as a gesture to emphasize the unity of the Evangelical Church in Germany and its concern for reunification of Germany. Lately the German church has been exposed to pressure of the Communist authorities in East Germany, obviously designed to create a split between East and West German church leaders.

As head of "Hilfswerk," which is one of the largest organizations of its kind in Europe, Mr. Berg will succeed Dr. Herbert Krimm, who was recently named chief chaplain of the new West German armed forces. For the past six years, since he has been in charge of "Hilfswerk" operations in the divided former capital of Germany and the Communist ruled East Zone, Mr. Berg has been responsible for some of the most crucial interchurch operations underwritten in part by Lutheran World Action funds.

RELIEF LEADERS IN EAST

Hope for continued and possibly expanded Lutheran World Relief aid to the refugee-jammed crown colony of Hong Kong on the border of Red China was expressed during the five-day visit in that area of Bernard A. Confer, executive secretary of Lutheran World Relief, and the Rev. Werner Kuntz, executive director of the Board of World Relief of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. At a press conference, Mr. Confer told reporters that LWR contributions to Hong Kong refugees and other needy will amount to more than 6,000 pounds of medical supplies, food and clothing in 1956.

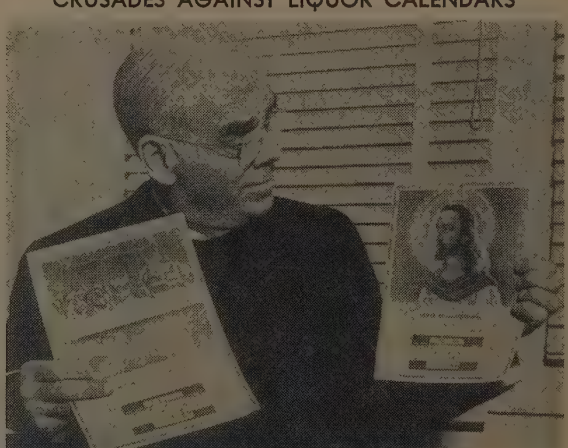
Previous to arriving in Hong Kong, the two relief leaders had been in Korea, Japan, and Formosa. They were proceeding to India, Pakistan, the Middle East, and Europe. In Korea they were guests of President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea. President Rhee paid high tribute to the Lutherans of America. He expressed his gratitude and the thanks of his people for the large quantities of relief supplies sent to Korea by the Lutherans of America, "even though," he said, "the Lutheran Church has no mission in Korea." "Therefore," he added, "it is all the more significant that these gifts are sent, for they demonstrate genuine Christian love for those who have endured suffering."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

A Batak Lutheran, Colonel Natus, has been named Commander-in-Chief of the 250,000-man, predominantly Mohammedan army of Indonesia.

The Suomi Synod is being asked this year to cast its lot with the United Lutheran Church and the American Lutheran Church in the movement toward Lutheran unity in America. A resolution to that effect will be submitted to the annual convention of that church body in June.

CRUSADES AGAINST LIQUOR CALENDARS



RNS Photo

Dr. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, minister of Christ Church and St. Michael's in Germantown, Pa., has started a crusade against the use of religious pictures on liquor store calendars. He is shown with two 1956 calendars bearing religious illustrations, which were distributed by liquor stores in Philadelphia. One shows the head of Christ and the other Da Vinci's "Last Supper." Dr. Aulenbach's crusade is being extended over the country by the National Temperance League, which has sent 100,000 reproductions of one of the calendars to religious groups. They are being asked to request anyone displaying such a calendar to remove the religious art from it. The churchmen will also be urged to campaign against the distribution of such calendars next year.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

LLEGE STUDENTS TO ODUCE FILM FOR ELC

group of Lutheran students will ene on the campus of St. Olaf ege this summer for rehearsals and ting of a forthcoming ELC movie sored by the office of the Parish servation Service. The 16-mm d movie, as yet untitled, will de- personal contact work of the Par- Conservation Service when a Lu- an moves from his home congre- on to another area. The screenplay written by Larry Christenson, for- St. Olaf student, presently en- d at Luther Theological Seminary. udent actors include: Roger Swen- Concordia College; Audre Flom Bob Stolper, St. Olaf; Mrs. Esther n, University of Minnesota speech ructor, and her son Douglas, now ding Luther Theological Semi- ; and Marilyn Melby and Nolan nnes, Luther College.

udents will travel to St. Olaf this mer for a month of rehearsals and ting during which time they will on campus and draw a salary for r work. Plans call for the film to ready for nation-wide distribution to church organizations about the first of next year.

Actors in the coming ELC movie are, left to right: Roger Swenson of Concordia; Audre Flom and Bob Stolper, St. Olaf; Mrs. Esther Olson, University of Minnesota, and her son, Douglas, Luther Theological Seminary; and Marilyn Melby and Nolan Johannes, Luther College.

LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
St. Paul, Minnesota

REPRESENTATION—Colleges and Universities
First Semester, 1955-1956

	Seniors	Interns	Middlers	Juniors	4 Year-Plan and Special	Total
t. Olaf College	27	27	19	32	5	110
Concordia	14	17	19	14	5	69
uther	8	15	11	16	6	56
ugustana	11	7	9	14	3	44
acific Lutheran	5	6	8	19	2	40
ugsburg	5	8	6	5	5	29
Gustavus Adolphus		2	1		1	4
Dana College	1	1	2			4
Wagner College			1	1	1	3
Hamline University	1	1				2
University of Minnesota	1	1	2	3	5	12
University of California	1	1	1	2		5
University of North Carolina	1					1
University of Idaho	1					1
University of Washington	1		2		1	4
University of Wisconsin		2	1	1	1	5
University of Michigan		1				1
University of North Carolina	1					1
University of South Dakota				1		1
University of Oregon			1			1
University of Nebraska					1	1
University of Utah					1	1
North Dakota Agricultural College	1		3	1	1	6
South Dakota State College			1			1
Other Colleges	4	7	7	9	18	40
	82	96	94	118	51	442

These figures do not include graduate, foreign, and summer session students.

Comments: Percentage of students from ELC colleges—72.33%
Percentage of students from all Lutheran colleges—81.22%
Percentage of students from state universities and colleges—18.78%

LEAF IN ACTION

St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa, has nine young people attending our church colleges, five of them receiving help through LEAF scholarships. Pastor E. S. Ede writes the following to a congregation considering LEAF:

"LEAF has been a twofold blessing to our congregation. We have been able to bring Christian education to the foreground, and people of the congregation have been given a privilege to invest in their young people.

"We have thus far granted scholarships to students not only of outstanding scholastic ability, but students who have a keen desire to acquire an education and are worthy of help and encouragement. You might well imagine our joy when we receive a grade report on one of our students which included two A's, one B plus, and three B's. This young man couldn't have gone to college without assistance.

"I am very happy that you are considering a LEAF scholarship program. I am convinced from the standpoint of our own experience that you have a great thrill in store."

Within the E.L.C.

PERSONS

K. T. Myklebust, president of the Emmanuel Church, Longview, Wash., was awarded on April 15 the honorary Brotherhood Life Membership for distinguished service as president of the Pacific District Brotherhood. He is also a member of the ELC Board of Home Missions.

The Rev. Joseph P. Hulterstrum, Eleva, Wis., has accepted a call to Our Savior's Church, Iola, Wis., effective about Aug. 15th.

The Rev. Thomas L. H. Collin, chaplain at the Norwegian Deaconess Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., and a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve Chaplains Corps, lately attended a two-week seminar arranged as a refresher course for reserve chaplains by the Fifth Naval District at Norfolk, Va.

The following pastors move to new parishes in May: **Arthur C. Towne** from Huron, S. Dak., to Frankfort, Mich.; **Robert G. Beckstrand** from the Winnebago parish, Lake Mills, Iowa, to Estherville, Iowa; **DeWayne Bey** from St. Paul, Minn., to Libby, Montana; **John R. Reitan** from the Oak Knoll parish, Minneapolis, Minn., to Richland, Wash.; **Oscar Rem** from Humboldt, Iowa, to the Jefferson Prairie parish, Clinton, Wis.; **Oliver Seim** from Thompson, Iowa, to Creston, Ill. **James Sumption** from Kenneth, Minn., to Crookston, Minn.

In April **the Rev. Kent Spaulding** moved from Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Pasco, Wash.; and **the Rev. C. K. Peisker** moved from Richland, Wash. to Minneapolis, Minn., where he is serving as assistant superintendent of the Zion Society for Israel.

Walter A. Andersen, Blair, Nebr., a brother of the Rev. Dr. J. N. Andersen (who died in 1940), passed away March 27, in his 72nd year.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

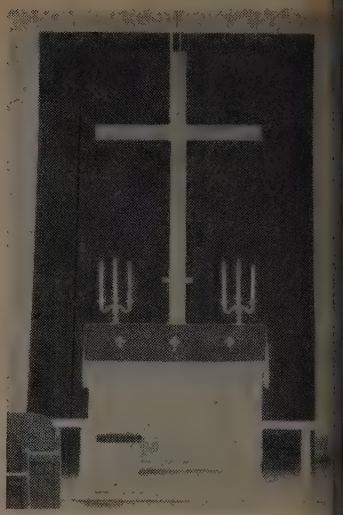
Hoboken, N. J. At a special festival service April 15, Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. Richard Nybro, burned the mortgage on the parish parsonage, acquired in 1948. Guest speaker was the Rev. Helmer Halvorson.

Chicago, Ill. During the past Easter season the following Chicago parishes received new members, as reported in the Chicago Lutheran Messenger for April: Edison Park, 86; Trinity (in Skokie-Evanston), 50; Park View, 40; Bethel, 20.

PRESENTATION OF POCKET TESTAMENT GIFT

Lynn Lokensgaard, Pocket Testament Movement Secretary, presents Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, president of Luther Theological Seminary, a check for $5,000 to bring foreign youth from ELC mission fields to America for leadership training at the Seminary. The International Young People's Luther League plans to give this amount annually through gifts from the "Unseen Guest" project at the PTM banquets, as youth contribute for strengthening native leadership on the mission fields. Dr. and Mrs. Schiotz are looking on, as well as PTM secretaries from the Districts. In the background are some of the sixty-seven Circuit Presidents who attended the Leadership Training School during Holy Week at Luther Theological Seminary.

SOUTH DAKOTA PRAIRIE CHURCH GETS ALTAR



The picture shows the new altar in Tr Church at Nowlin, S. Dak., given by and Mrs. Raymond Peterson. Mr. Pete has been a member of the congrega since its organization in 1908. The replaces a table which has functionec altar for many years. This congrega which serves an area of about six t ships 70 miles southwest of Pierre, the s capital, is served by the Rev. Arvid Myhrwold.

Staten Island, N. Y. Our Savi Church, parish of the Rev. Kent Knutson, has recently completed a vass for a building fund, resulting about $90,000 in cash and pledges. congregation now worships in a b ment church. Founded in 1893, it has a confirmed membership of ab 500. Its Sunday school has an en ment of 230. In less than two ye benevolence giving has increased 50 and current expense giving 300%.

Rocky Mountain

Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Trin Church, parish of the Rev. Ge Amundson, held groundbreaking s ices April 15, marking the beginn of the construction of a first unit ish house, to be followed two y hence by the erection of a church

California

Phoenix, Arizona. The Luthe Church of Hope, which was the to be organized of the present th ELC parishes in the state, celebra its fifth anniversary April 15 at a gregational birthday party. As one ture of the party the pastor, the

NEW PARSONAGE IN WEST-CENTRAL MINNESOTA

ve is pictured the recently dedicated parsonage of First Lutheran Church, Morris,).

r A. Thompson, showed colored es taken of the first views of the ty site to the latest records of the rch's activities.

TUARIES

The Rev. H. L. Urness

he Rev. Henry L. Urness, Calgary, erta, died April 2, in his 82nd . Funeral services were held April Trinity Church in Calgary, Dis- President Dale and Pastor Arne stad officiating. The Rev. E. O. ess, Milnor, N. Dak., a son of the ased, spoke on behalf of the fam- Henry Urness was born Aug. 21, t, at Lamberton, Minn. Attended lison Lutheran Normal School and ted Church Seminary in Minne- lis. He served the following par- s: Grantsburg, Wis., 1901-02; Mil- Iowa, 1903-05; Preeceville, Sask., 5-14 and 1919-25; Wolverton, n., 1914-16; Maynard, Minn., 1916- Regina, Sask., 1925-30; Winnipeg, ., 1930-37; Cabri, Sask., 1937-38; yea, Sask., 1939-43. From 1928 to 4 he served as vice president of ada District, and he edited "Hyr- ," the district paper, 1934-39. In 7 he married Mathea Brusven, who ives him together with three sons three daughters.

Mrs. Porter W. Stark

Mrs. Porter W. Stark, nee Orrine men, died March 30 at Camp Le- ne, North Carolina, 52 years of . In her youth a nurse, she married Marine Corps officer. She was a ter and a painter. Survivors are her band, Major Porter W. Stark; two s; her mother, Mrs. L. A. Haatvedt; brothers; and two sisters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

or Sale: Cook Book published by Dorcas Mission Circle of the High- land Church, at $1.00 a copy (plus six cents for postage). Order from Mrs. Irvine Johnson, Lanesboro, Minn.

The Lutheran Mission to Israel will hold its sixth annual meeting May 12-13 at the Norwegian Memorial Church, Minneapolis, Minn., all services in English. Speakers: the Rev. Elias Newman, Saturday afternoon; Dr. Bernhard M. Christensen, Saturday evening; Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, Sunday afternoon; Dr. Robert H. Boyd, Sunday evening. Films from Israel will be shown.

To be given away: 2 altars, 2 pulpits, 2 fonts, 2 altar rails, and several stained glass windows. Contact Mr. Albert Matzen, Inwood, Iowa.

Clearwater Circuit WMF will meet May 11 at Hope Church, Fosston, Minn. Speakers: Pastor C. Kenneth Peisker and Paul G. Johnshoy.

The 18th Luther Academy will be held at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, July 10-19. Speakers will include Dr. Samuel M. Miller—Bible Study; Dr. George F. Hall—The Missionary Task in Tanganyika; Dr. Howard Tilman Kuist—Aspects of the Christian Evangel; Mayor Frank P. Zeidler —Christian Statesmanship; Dr. John C. Trever—Dead Sea Scrolls; Dr. Emil W. Matzner—The Absolute Personality of God in Some of Its Practical Applications; Dr. Edwin Moll—Jerusalem Then and Now; and Dr. O. P. Kretzmann—A Personal Philosophy of Life for the Twentieth Century Preacher. Registrations are to be made with Professor Wm. D. Streng, Dean of the Academy.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF PASTORS

Thomas Boe, Ulen, Minn., 6-1-56
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Robt. G. Beckstrand, 826 N. 13th St., Estherville, Ia., 5-1-56
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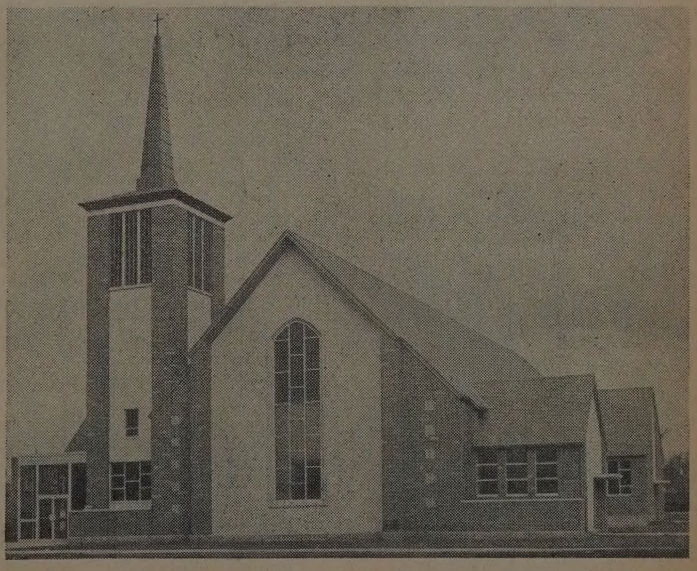
DEDICATION OF NEW SPOKANE CHURCH



The new church of Our Savior's parish, Spokane, Wash., was dedicated April 15 by Dr. Reidar Daehlin, president of the Rocky Mountain District. This new church, used for the first time in October last year, seats 520 in its nave. Cost of construction was $225,000. Pastor of this Spokane parish, organized in 1888, is the Rev. M. O. Ensberg.

W. L. Conradson, 379 Air Base Group, Homestead AFB, Fla., 5-5-56

Carl Foss, 2111 N. 46th St., Seattle 3, Wash., 2-1-56

B. H. J. Habel, 935 E. 3rd St., Canton, S. Dak. (Correction)

Theo. Homdrom, 20 Disa Ave., P. O. Virginia, O.F.S., S. Africa, 5-15-56

P. O. Hyland, Erskine, Minn., 4-10-56

Norman Neumann, 77 Kamiashiarai Cho, Shizuoka Shi. Shizuoka Ken, Japan, 4-13-56

J. A. Quello, 910 College Ave., Red Wing, Minn., 4-14-56

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Oscar Rem, Clinton, Wis., 5-1-56

Oliver Seim, Creston, Ia., 5-1-56

James Sumption, 508 Stuart, Crookston, Minn., 5-1-56

Kent Spaulding, 218 N. 5th St., Pasco, Wash., 4-2-56

Arthur C. Towne, Frankfort, Mich., 5-15-56

NEWLY ORDAINED

Joel Olaf Rustad, 3126 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee, Wis., 3-11-56

Walter Richard Olson, 3112 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Minneapolis, Minn., 3-11-56

NOTICE

Biennial Meeting of the Brotherhood

The Brotherhood of The Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold its regular Biennial Meeting at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, June 17-19, 1956.

All local member organizations are advised to register their two delegates in advance. Parish organizations representing more than two congregations are entitled to three delegates. Send advance registrations of delegates to The Brotherhood, 422 S. 5th St., Minneapolis 15, Minn. No advance registration fee required.

Representatives other than delegates attending the Biennial Meeting will be seated as advisory members upon registration.

The following amendment of Article V (1) of the Constitution is to be voted on June 17 and announcement of this is made herewith.

WHEREAS, Article V (1) requires amending to achieve consistency,

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article V (1) be amended to read as follows:

1) Officers of this Brotherhood shall be: a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. All shall serve for a term of two years and/or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, and, with the exception of the treasurer, shall not succeed themselves in office for more than one term.

Harlan F. Zodtner, Secretary

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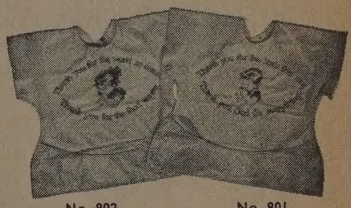

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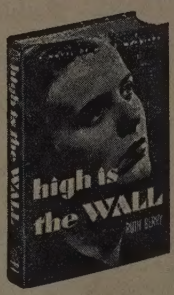

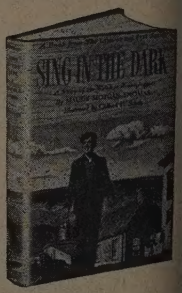

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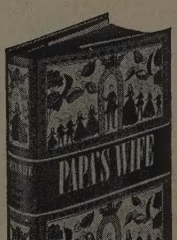

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